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Claims 2, 4-5, 9-10, 13-14, and 23-28 were amended to either move a comma in the preamble of the claim to come before the "wherein" or to insert a comma prior to the "wherein" in the preamble of the claims.

Claim 3 was amended to delete a redundant word "receptacle".

Claim 7 was amended to delete the phrase ", and a trans-impedance amplifier".

Claim 10 was amended to add --guide rail-- after "first" to correct the grammar in the claim as the second instance of guide rail is not plural.

Claim 12 was amended to correct the grammar of "having" to --has--.

Claim 29 was amended to shorten the preamble and correct the incorrect phrase "guide rail slots" to the correct phrase --guide rails--.

Claims 32-33 and 35-36 have been amended to correct "four fiber optical receptacles" to --four optical receptacles-- to be consistent with the usage of the phrase "four optical receptacles" in claims from which they depend.

These amendments to the claims were not made for reasons related to patentability.

#### V. SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Applicant has amended the specification to correct incorrect phraseology and grammar, as well as incorrect reference number usage therein.

The paragraph beginning on page 14, line 1 was amended to correct the incorrect phraseology of "eight channel transceiver" to --four channel transceiver--. The eight channel has been

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moved to be included into the next sentence as "other sizes of transmitters, receivers, and transceivers are [] possible." [Specification, page 15, lines 8-9].

The paragraph beginning on page 16, line 20 was amended to correct grammar by replacing "include" with --includes-- and inserting a comma.

The paragraph beginning on page 17, line 14 was amended to correct the misspelled word "duel" as --dual--.

The paragraph beginning on page 26, line 23 was amended to correct grammar by deleting two commas and inserting the word --the--.

Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter has been added by these amendments to the specification.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing it is respectfully submitted that the pending claims are in condition for allowance.

Reconsideration of the rejections and objections is requested. Allowance of the claims at an early date is solicited.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned counsel by telephone at (714) 557-3800 to expedite the prosecution of this case should there be any unresolved matters remaining.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 02-2666 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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